

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Comet Henry John Haraldson was born on February 11, 1949, to Comet and Olive Haraldson, the first of three children, later joined by his sister, Corrine, and brother, Stephan; and,

Whereas, Comet is the proud father of two sons, Andrew and John; and,

Whereas, Comet attended school in Harvey, North Dakota, Aberdeen, and Pierre, South Dakota. He graduated in 1967 and attended The University of South Dakota (USD). USD is considering the possibility of creating a new undergraduate scholarship known as the Haraldson Eight-Year Plan, including funding for a study abroad program in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; and,

Whereas, Comet followed family tradition as the consummate musician, always knowing when he grew up, he wanted to play guitar, but later determined one cannot do both; and,

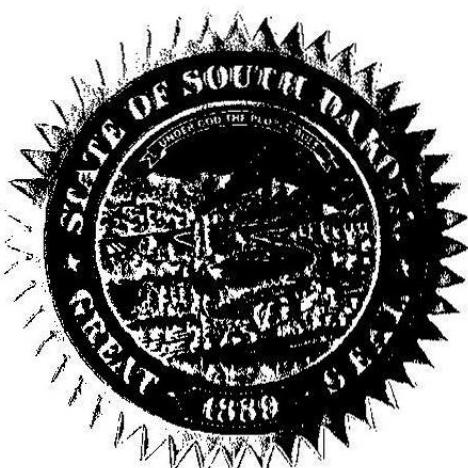
Whereas, Comet is outstanding on the golf greens and is known as the world's fastest Mulligan player, as well as being an inveterate aviator who is still flying high; and,

Whereas, Comet will observe his 60th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on February 14, 2009, to honor him, celebrate his life, and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man he can call his friend:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2009, as

COMET HARALDSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

A handwritten signature of M. Michael Rounds.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Chris Nelson.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State